

IPA CELEBRATES ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

The Institute of Public Assistance (Providoria) celebrated its 75th anniversary at its headquarters in Mala Panaji [today](#). Minister for Providoria Shri Subhash Shirodkar graced the function.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Shirodkar expressed his gratitude for the yeomen services rendered by all staff of the Providoria to the needy people, including senior citizens without any complaints. Providoria is celebrating their anniversary at a time when the entire country is celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, which is an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of independence and the glorious history of it on [August 15](#), 2022, he remarked.

More than 350 years ago, a small group of people pooled their resources and established the providedoria institute, with the sole goal of serving the poor. The Institute's name has changed several times over the years, and on [August 7](#), the Institute was renamed Institute of Public Assistance (Providoria), he pointed.

Shri Shirodkar informing that the last donation received by this institute was in 1986, felt that people's feelings toward humanity are gradually fading. The number of Providoria Institutes has increased over a period of time due to societal apathy toward senior citizens, and that more of this type of Institute may be required in the future. He called upon the people to support the institution in whatever they can and to work together to ensure that more and more donations are received by this institution.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Subhash Chandra expressed happiness over IPA (Providoria) celebrating its 75th Anniversary at the same time that the country is celebrating its 75 years of independence. He said that this institute has consistently provided tremendous support and service to the helpless, elderly, infirm and needful and added this institute is solely supported by grants from the State Government. IPA should look into ways to generate income by making the best use of the parcels of lands in their possession donated to them by undertaking different developmental projects, he suggested.

Prior to the event, the Institute organised a mass at the Immaculate Conception Church, Shree Satyanarayan Pooja at their headquarters and an offering in the Panaji Mosque.

Smt. Upasana Mazgaonkar, Director, greeted the dignitaries. Smt. Sailee Amonkar compered the function and Shri Manoj proposed a vote of thanks.

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